



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
December 3, 2014**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daryl Horton, Chair
Sherry Cherry, Vice Chair
Dr. Chiquita Eugene

Clifford Gillard
Wayne Cook

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Robert Anderson
Melodye Foust

Dusty McCormick
Michael McDonald

CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm by Commissioner Horton.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Chiquita Eugene spoke on behalf of the Commission to present a certificate of appreciation to Deputy City Manager Michael McDonald, stating that the Commission probably wouldn't even exist without the assistance and dedication of Mr. McDonald. The Commissioners wish him well upon his retirement at the end of the year.

- 2. Action: Approve nominations for the 2015 inclusion in the Art in Public Places Project at the African American Cultural and Heritage Facility**
- 3. Approval of the minutes from the November 5, 2014 Regular Meeting**

The minutes stand as presented.

- 4. Briefing: Vision Zero Task Force: Formed to research and recommend opportunities to achieve zero deaths and zero serious injuries in the transportation system (Robert Anderson, Planning and Development Review Department)**

Mr. Robert Anderson presented information on the Vision Zero Task Force and the recommendations from the Pedestrian Advisory Council.

- 5. Action: Form a Working Group to look into the possibility to expand the Carver Museum and to work with other minority Commissions in a focus group**

The Working Group will comprise Commissioners Cherry, Gillard and Horton.

- 6. Updates from Working Groups**
 - a. Small Business/Parking Issues on E. 11th & E. 12th Streets**

The Working Group has been unsuccessful in setting up an appointment with Austin Transportation Department Assistant Director. Deputy City Manager McDonald will assist with setting up that appointment.

- b. Photograph Selection for Mural**

The Working Group has been evaluating the nominations for 2015.

c. Health and Mental Health

The Working Group has seen no results from their Recommendation to Council.

d. Public Safety

No report.

7. Set agenda items for future meetings, including non-substantive housekeeping matters (such as meeting dates, potential topics, and information and research requests for staff)

For the January Work Session the Commissioners would like a presentation on the original proposed expansion of the George Washington Carver Museum & Cultural Center. The Commission's 2015 Work Plan and Goals and 2014 Accomplishments will be discussed in preparation for the annual report to Council. The January meeting will be held at City Hall.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.